



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Strom Thurmond High
Edgefield
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 916
Principal: Matthew Schilit
Superintendent: Dr. Mary Rice-Crenshaw
Board Chair: Sallie B. Cooks

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Excellent	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	8	14	4	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	76.1%	76.3%	73.9%	76.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.9%	12.3%	15.1%	12.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.0%	11.4%	11.7%	11.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	91.9%	92.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

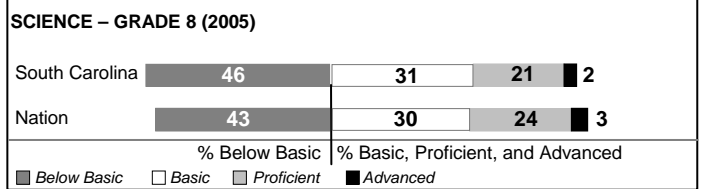
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	219	188
Number of Diplomas	181	140
Rate (%)	82.6%	76.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	65.8%	66.5%
English 1	65.5%	56.6%
Physical Science	46.3%	45.9%
All Tests	57.2%	55.4%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=916)				
Retention rate	4.4%	Down from 5.6%	6.3%	6.1%
Attendance rate	97.8%	Up from 97.6%	94.3%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	8.4%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	18.3%	Up from 17.9%	14.3%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	5.6%	Up from 0.8%	1.6%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.4%	Up from 10.1%	9.4%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	31.5%	N/A	37.1%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.1%	Up from 31.9%	30.0%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.6%	Down from 4.7%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 20.8%	4.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	650	Up from 4	483	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	100.0%	N/A	82.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=55)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	43.6%	Down from 44.2%	55.9%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Down from 88.5%	69.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.3%	Up from 4.3%	8.7%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Down from 88.8%	85.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.0%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$42,456	Up 1.7%	\$46,441	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.4%	Down from 6.8%	5.7%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.8 to 1	Down from 26.0 to 1	25.8 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.6%	Down from 92.0%	88.0%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,218	Up 1.6%	\$7,535	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	56.4%	Up from 55.8%	56.6%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.9%	Up from 57.1%	61.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%		87.0%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Strom Thurmond High School and its students continue to be successful in the various areas of academic achievement, artistic accomplishments, and team and individual athletic goals. Our school and community work together to create an extended learning environment that is mutually beneficial to all participants through school-to-work internships and service learning opportunities.

We continue to offer instruction in the area of SAT scores. Our 2007 Report showed a composite average of 1037 that exceeded the national average by 20 points for all seniors who took the SAT. The ACT composite for our 2007 seniors was 20.0, up from 19.6 in 2006, which bested the state average.

34 of our student athletes were named to All-Region teams, 4 athletes were named All Region Players of the Year, and 5 players were named All-State Players of the Year. 6 athletic teams participated in post region play. One team was the Region Champion, and 1 team was Lower State Champion.

The Rebel Regiment is consistently in the state finals. The 2007-08 Mock Trial team won the district competition and competed for the state title. Numerous other student organizations were recognized for their achievements, leadership, and community projects.

Through Dual Credit agreements with the University of South Carolina-Aiken and Piedmont Technical College, 135 Dual Credit courses were taken and were eligible to receive college credit.

Strom Thurmond High School continues to strive for academic improvement and success for all of our students. Strom Thurmond High School continues to work to become the school where students meet with opportunities and success that will support them in their lifelong endeavors.

We at Strom Thurmond High School continue to work each day to "Preserve the Past and Shape the Future".

Gregory L. Thompson, Principal

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	125	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.7%	75.0%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9%	78.9%	61.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.4%	82.3%	78.6%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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